

Page 1, before the paragraph beginning at line 32, insert the following:

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--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 9, before the paragraph beginning at line 37, insert the following:

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--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Please replace the description at page 10, line 3, through page 11, line 4, with the following text:

--Figure 1a depicts a diagrammatic view from above of a cornerpiece used in a first embodiment of the invention;

Figure 1b depicts a diagrammatic front-on view of the cornerpiece depicted in Figure 1a, in section on the line A-A of Figure 1a;

Figure 1c depicts a diagrammatic side view of the cornerpiece depicted in Figure 1a, in section on the line B-B of Figure 1a;

Figure 1d depicts a diagrammatic view from above (in the functional position) of a shelf according to a first embodiment of the invention, using a cornerpiece depicted in Figure 1a;

Figure 1e depicts a diagrammatic view from above of a shelf of smaller dimensions than the shelf depicted in Figure 1d, but which uses the same cover pieces;

Figure 2a depicts a diagrammatic view from above of a cornerpiece used in a second embodiment of the invention;

Figure 2b depicts a diagrammatic view from above of another cornerpiece used in a second embodiment of the invention;

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Figure 2c depicts a diagrammatic view from above of a shelf according to a second embodiment of the invention, using the cornerpieces depicted in Figures 2a and 2b;

Figure 3a depicts a diagrammatic view from above of a shelf according to a third embodiment of the invention, part of a cornerpiece having been removed so as to reveal reinforcing elements;

Figure 3b depicts a diagrammatic view in exploded perspective of the shelf depicted in Figure 3a;

Figure 4a depicts a diagrammatic half view from above of a shelf according to a fourth embodiment of the invention, the shelf being symmetric with respect to the line depicted in chain line;

Figure 4b depicts a diagrammatic side view of the shelf depicted in Figure 4a.--

Page 11, before the paragraph beginning at line 5, insert the following:

B1 --DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-12 without prejudice and add new Claims 13-28 as follows:

- 1. (Canceled)
- 2. (Canceled)
- 3. (Canceled)
- 4. (Canceled)
- 5. (Canceled)
- 6. (Canceled)